

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Attn:

Mr. Bill Biddlecome

NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

Subject:

Retraction of Individual Section 404 and 401 Permit Application for the proposed replacement of Bridge Nos. 40 and 45 on SR 1003 (Thirteen Bridges Road) over Beech Swamp, Halifax County. Federal Aid Project No. BRSTP-1003(23), State Project No. 8.2301201, TIP Project No.

B-3467.

The NCDOT formally retracts the Individual Permit Application for the subject project as a consequence of redesign. The project involves the removal and replacement of Bridge Nos. 40 and 45 located approximately 850 feet apart on SR 1003 over Beech Swamp (DWQ Index # 28-79-30, Class "C Sw NSW") in Halifax County.

The NCDOT is committed to incorporating all reasonable and practicable design features to avoid and minimize jurisdictional impacts. Avoidance measures will be taken during redesign to further minimize encroachment on high-quality jurisdictional wetlands. Once a new design has been proposed, NCDOT will submit a revised Section 404 permit and 401 certification application.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please Tyler Stanton at tstanton@dot.state.nc.us or (919) 715-1439.

Sincerely,

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